CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d): There is no such proposal as such, Sir. However, as Urban Development is a State subject proposals are formulated by the State Governments and sent to Govt. of India for posing before World Bank etc. for possible external aid. Urban Development Project proposals for site and services, slum-upgradation, water supply, sanitation etc. have been received from the following States for posing to the World Bank for assistance:

(i) Kerala-Trivandrum, Kochi and Kozhikode.

(ii) Madhya Pradesh-Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Raipur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Bilaspur, Rawa, Jagadalpur and Sagar.

(iii) Orissa-Cuttack, Bhubaneshwar, Rourkela, Sambalpur, Berham pur, Puri and Balasore etc.

Suspension of Loan from World Bank for Narmada Sagar Project

652. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has suspended release of the second tranche of the promised $450 million loan pending review of the Narmada Sagar Project;

(b) whether the World Bank decision was influenced by the report of the Morse Committee appointed by it;

(c) if so, the details theroef;

(d) the future of the Narmada Sagar Project; and

(e) its impact on the World Bank funded development projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) No, Sir. But the Executive Directors of the World Bank in a meeting held on 23-10.92 took decision to continue the Bank Group assistance to the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Project subject to a review of the performance as per agreed action plan by a Special Review Mission of the Bank in April, 1993. This decision was taken by the Bank after considering the report of the Independent Review (Morse Mission) appointed by the Bank and the Government of India's response thereon.

(d) The Government of India and the four participating States namely Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Mahrashtra and Rajasthan are fully committed to implement the Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Project as envisaged. As regards Narmada Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh is concerned the World Bank has not so far agreed to provide financial assistance to it.

(e) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts of Group 'D' Employees in C.W.P.C.

653. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' post have been lying vacant in Central Water Power Commission, Sewa-Bhawan, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in some categories of Group 'D' posts candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been awaiting for their interview/selection; and

(c) if so, by what time all selection formalities are expected to be completed?